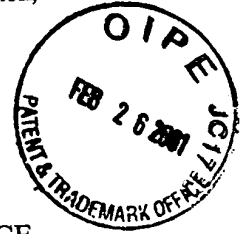


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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please insert the
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AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

On page ~~13~~ line 11, after "chimpanzee" please insert (SEQ ID NO:16).

On page ~~13~~ line 12, after "green monkey" please insert (SEQ ID NO:17), after
"hamster" (SEQ ID NO:18), after "rat" please insert (SEQ ID NO:19), and after "mouse"
please insert (SEQ ID NO:20).